FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back
Welcome back to a new school year at WHPS. We hope that your family had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. A special welcome is extended to our new students and their parents.

2013 Classes
2013 classes will start tomorrow, Wednesday 6th February after our new Kindergarten students have been enrolled. Our numbers have increased substantially and we will have 2 new classes in mainstream this year. Teachers and class names are listed on page 3 for your information.

School Calendar 2013
Accompanying the newsletter today, you will receive a copy of the Term 1 school calendar for 2013. To avoid confusion if there are changed dates, we will not be sending home the full year calendar as done in previous years. Instead we will place it on our school website where it will be regularly updated. In addition, parents are also asked to check the fortnightly newsletter for updates and confirmation of school events.

Parent Information Nights
Parents will be invited to information sessions over 4 evenings from Monday 18th to Thursday 21st February. Details of classes/stages and times are included in a note that is accompanying this newsletter.

Swimming Carnival – Congratulations!
Congratulations to all our students who had a great day at yesterday’s school swimming carnival. Our students showed good sportsmanship, tried their best and had lots of fun on the day. A big thank you to all the parents who came and supported their children on the day, and also helped the teachers with timing and judging – your help is always appreciated! Finally, thank you to Ms Johnston and Ms Russell for a huge effort in organising the swimming carnival. Your dedication and organisation helped to make this day a wonderful success. A full report and photos will be in the next newsletter.

Taxi Bay
Just a reminder to parents that the taxi bay (on Junction Rd) is reserved for the exclusive use of taxis and the Support Unit parents prior to 8.45 each morning and is not available at all in the afternoons. Your support in this issue is greatly appreciated. Please see page 2 for details.

Maxelle Matthews
FROM THE DEPUTY

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a very exciting year. It was great to see all the kids and teachers returning to school last week with smiles and just a few butterflies.

With just another day to go until the students move into their new classes, the first week has given us all a chance to get back into the groove of school life, start a few new sporting and Performing Arts adventures and revise some of last year’s work.

Awards System

Already students have greeted me at my office with piles of certificates to collate or news of receiving some merit awards in the first few days.

Just a few helpful hints in how the merit award system works.

Merit awards are handed out by class teachers for safe, respectful and responsible behaviour and accrued over time by the children. When children reach one of the milestones listed below, they can bring the last 10 merit awards, with their last honour certificate, to their teacher or my office.

Please ensure certificates are submitted at least a day before the assembly, to ensure that certificates and awards are ready on time.

Award Levels
- 10 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 20 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 30 Awards = Small Banner
- 40 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 50 Awards = Bronze Medal & Morning Tea with the Principal
- 60 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 70 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 80 Awards = Large Banner
- 90 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 100 Awards = Silver Medal & Morning Tea with the Principal
- 110 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 120 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 130 Awards = Small Banner
- 140 Awards = Honour Certificate
- 150 Awards = Gold Medal and Morning Tea with the Principal

Staying Safe

To ensure we have a safe start to the year, I would like to remind parents of a few safety guidelines.

Parents are reminded that pedestrian access through the Junction Road car park gate is not permitted and extremely unsafe. A new pathway is being constructed to allow quick and safe entry from Junction Road; however, in the meantime, please enter the school through the other pedestrian gates. Parents are also urged not to park in the staff car parks. This causes congestion and is very unsafe for the students and staff members.

Ian Short

SCHOOL SPORT

Years 3 - 6 Sport

Sport will begin for all Primary students this Friday, 3rd February.

This includes students who were in Year 2 last year (going into Year 3). Trials will begin for selection of PSSA sport teams for Summer Sport - cricket and softball. Primary students should wear their sports uniform on Friday.

K - 2 Sport

There will be no sport lessons for students in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 until after Week 4. You will be informed of your child’s sport day at the Parent Information Night in Week 4.

TAXI BAY RULES

In order to provide a safe pick-up and drop-off zone for our students, parents are asked to take note of the following rules for using the taxi bay area.

- No students are to be dropped off in the taxi bay area before 8.30am.
- Only students from the Support Unit can be dropped off in the taxi bay before 8.45am. Other students can be dropped off between 8.45-9am.
- Only students from the Support Unit can use the taxi bay in the afternoons.
- Due to ongoing issues with traffic congestion creating unsafe conditions, taxis transporting students from the Support Unit will leave the taxi bay at 2.55pm each afternoon.
- There is no pedestrian access via the taxi bay. Parents are not to walk through the taxi bay with their children.
- Parents need to stay in their cars in the taxi bay at all times. A staff member will walk your child to your car.
- All students must enter and exit cars on the curb side only.
- Staff will remove any school bags and student belongings from the boot of cars. Parents are to remain inside their cars at all times.
- No overtaking other cars in the taxi bay unless directed to by staff.

Sarah Spink

WHEN DOES HOMEWORK START?

- Stage 1 – Week 5
- Stage 2 – Week 3
- Stage 3 – Week 4

SCHOOL BANKING

starts on
Tuesday 19th February
STAFF NEWS
We would like to welcome a number of new staff members to our school – Miss Erin Adams, (Assistant Principal), Mrs Sue Buyruk (Relieving Assistant Principal), Mrs Jocelyn James (ESL-Fridays), Mrs Julie Robinson (additional school counsellor) Mrs Ilana Shelton and Mrs Rachael Frame (Classroom Teachers). Welcome back to Mrs Llewelyn Powell (RFF) who has been on extended leave.

CLASSES 2013

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STAGE ONE

| YEAR 1       | Mrs Kerry Wood                 | 1W         | Mrs Kerry Wood |
| YEAR 1       | Miss Caroline Peace           | 1P         | Mrs Kerry Wood |
| YEAR 1       | Miss Monica Kazmierski        | 1K         | Mrs Kerry Wood |
| YEAR 1       | Mrs Ilana Shelton (M,T,W), Mrs Amanda Jeffries (Th,F) | 1SJ | Mrs Kerr Wood |
| YEAR 2       | Miss Claire Downton           | 2D         | Mrs Kerr Wood |
| YEAR 2       | Mr Colin Booth (M,T,W,F), Mrs Kylie Brugdac (Th) | 2B | Mrs Kerr Wood |
| YEAR 2       | Mrs Gail Hawkins              | 2H         | Mrs Kerr Wood |
| YEAR 2       | Mrs Glenda Rooke              | 2R         | Mrs Kerr Wood |

STAGE TWO

| YEAR 3       | Mr Andrew Lade                | 3L         | Mrs Sue Buyruk |
| YEAR 3       | Mrs Melissa Johnston          | 3J         | Mrs Sue Buyruk |
| YEAR 3/ YEAR 4 | Mrs Sue Buyruk               | 3/4B     | Mrs Sue Buyruk |
| YEAR 4       | Mrs Rachael Frame             | 4F         | Mrs Sue Buyruk |
| YEAR 4       | Mrs Noelene Luther            | 4L         | Mrs Sue Buyruk |
| YEAR 4       | Mrs Jenny Middleton (Term 1)Mrs Vivienne Sonneveld (Terms 2-4) | 4SM | Mrs Sue Buyruk |

STAGE THREE

| YEAR 4/ YEAR 5 | Mrs Rebekah Stewart           | 5/6S      | Mr David MacSporran |
| YEAR 5 / YEAR 6 Extension* | Mrs Catriona Wood | 5/6W     | Mr David MacSporran |
| YEAR 5 / YEAR 6 *  | Mr David MacSporran         | 5/6M      | Mr David MacSporran |
| YEAR 5 / YEAR 6 *  | Mrs Stephanie Russell        | 5/6R      | Mr David MacSporran |

SUPPORT CLASSES

| YEAR K-6 IO/AUTISM | Mr Andrew Petersen          | 2/6P      | Ms Sarah Spink |
| YEAR K-6 IO/AUTISM | Ms Sarah Spink, Mrs Chasely Roberts | K/1S | Ms Sarah Spink |
| YEAR 3-6 IO/AUTISM | Mrs Grewal                  | 3/6G      | Ms Sarah Spink |
| YEAR 3-6 IM        | Miss Lana Frank             | 3/6W      | Ms Sarah Spink |

SUPPORT STAFF

| Release from Face to Face (RFF) & Part-time | Mrs Llewelyn Powell, Mrs Katie Gardiner | Mr Ian Short |
| ESL | Mrs Belinda Harvey (Mon – Thurs), Mrs Jocelyn James (Friday) | Mr Ian Short |
| Reading Recovery/RFF | Laura Barnett (formally Allen) | Mr Ian Short |
| Learning & Support | Mrs Lucia Schimansowsky, Ms Michelle Rose | Mr Ian Short |
| Teacher Librarian | Miss Bronwyn Grant (Mon – Fr) | Mr Ian Short |
| SLSO Support Unit | Mrs Janet Brown, Mrs Mary Castle, Mrs Caitlin Lam, Mrs Merryn White | Ms Sarah Spink |
| SLSO Integration | Mrs Sabah Nahlous, Miss Mia Sheppard, Mrs Susan Hilliard | Ms Sarah Spink |
| School Counsellor | Mrs Mari Wilson, Mrs Julie Robinson | Ms Sarah Spink |
| Principal | Ms Maxelle Matthews | Ms Sarah Spink |
| Deputy Principal | Mr Ian Short | Ms Sarah Spink |
BOOK CLUB NEWS

Helpers needed

Two helpers are needed to join the Book Club team this year. The job includes sorting brochures for the students, collecting orders and sorting books when they are delivered to the school. Collections days are always two Fridays each term but the sorting can be done whenever is convenient for you. If this sounds like something you are interested in doing please email me at margaret.collier41@yahoo.com.au.

Issue 1

Orders for Issue 1 of Scholastic Book Club will be collected in the old hall on Friday 22nd February from 8.40-9.15am. Unfortunately late orders cannot be accepted. Payment can be by cash, cheque or credit card. If you are paying with cash, please have as close to the correct amount as possible. If paying by cheque please make cheques payable to Winston Hills Public School. Credit card orders need to be completed online or by phone prior to giving in your order, please see the brochures for Scholastic’s contact details.

Margaret Collier
Book Club Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS

Library 2013

The library staff would like to welcome everyone back to school and extend a special warm welcome to any new families and students.

The borrowing of library books will commence in Week 5 after new classes have been formed and library days for students confirmed. A reminder that to borrow library books a bag is needed (not plastic) that can protect the books whilst in their school bag.

The library has recently purchased some fabulous new books for students that are waiting to be covered. The faster that we are able to cover these books, the faster that they will be on the shelves for use; if anyone could spare some time to help cover books would be wonderful. If you are available to assist in this job, please contact myself in the library or leave a message at the office to arrange a time that will suit.

NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge

The NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge began on the 1st February. This challenge encourages students to read throughout the year. The library is running the challenge again this year, so please continue to encourage your children to record the books they have read on the log sheet, which will be provide to them in their library work books. It was an exciting year last year with over 300 students completing the challenge, which were over six times more students than in 2012. Well done Winston Hills!! I am sure that even more students will complete the challenge in 2013.

Ms Bronwyn Grant

BAND NEWS

Welcome new and existing band families to our band program for 2013.

Starting dates for 2013 include-

**Wednesday 13**th **Feb at 3pm-4.45pm**  
(Tutorial for Training Band ONLY commences. A parent must be present during this first session to sign all contracts, collect hire instruments, meet band committee and tutors etc. Please meet in the new hall.)

**Wednesday 20**th **Feb at 3pm - 4.45pm**  
- Tutorials for Intermediate and Senior Concert Band commences.  
- Intermediate Band tutorials commencing at 4pm-5.30pm  
(extended time for this week only)  
- A parent must be present during this first session to sign all contracts, collect hire instruments, meet band committee and tutors etc. Please meet in the new hall.  
- Senior Concert Band tutorials commencing at 3pm-4.45pm  
(extended time for this week only)  
- A parent must be present during this first session to sign all contracts, collect hire instruments, meet band committee and tutors etc. Please meet in the new hall.  
- Training Band second tutorial 3-4pm

Don’t forget to bring your music folders!

**Monday 25.2.13 Rehearsals commence**

3-4pm Senior concert band  
4-5pm Intermediate band

**Wednesday 27.2.13 Tutorials**

3-4pm Senior Concert Band rehearsals  
3-4pm Training Band tutorials  
4.45-4.55pm Senior Concert Band tutorials  
4.45-5.30pm Intermediate Band tutorials

The band program is looking for more students in Years 3-6 to join our program.

Currently on offer are the following hire an instrument position:

- Clarinet x 1 Intermediate Band  
- Keyboard x 1 Intermediate Band  
- Flute x 1 Training Band  
- Tuba x 1 Training Band  
- Baritone x 1 Training Band  
- Euphonium x 1 Training Band

If interested, please contact the band committee at bandwhps@gmail.com.

Looking forward to another great year.

Sue Bryant  
Band Committee.
P & C NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Open during the school term every Thursday morning from 8:40am to 9:30am and the first Thursday evening of the month from 6pm to 7pm.

- next evening open: 7th Feb 2013

We are looking for volunteers to train for the position of Co-ordinator and Treasurer/Secretary as 2013 will be Amanda and Michelle’s last year at WHPS. We will be voting in our new members at the AGM which will be held in the uniform shop at 9.30 on 21st February.

We are always looking for new members to join us so if you think that working in the uniform shop would be something you would like to do, please contact Michelle.

Roster

7th Feb
Michelle Anderson
Libby Davis
Karen Carpenter
Michelle Anderson

14th Feb
Michelle Anderson
Julia Maguire
Allison Watson

7th Feb (evening)
Leanne Dyball
Karen Fornari
Michelle Anderson

Note to the Volunteers

Could all members please let Michelle know if you are volunteering this year. The new roster will be out after the AGM on the 21st Feb.

Uniform Shop Contact Details

Please email Michelle at chelly_anderson@yahoo.com or phone her on 0407263686. If you are unable to come to the uniform shop, you can print off an order form from the website and leave it with the office or you can email Michelle with your order.

Michelle Anderson

P&C

Next Meeting – Tuesday 26th February
Welcome to Winston Hills 2013. Our P&C is a friendly forum where we discuss issues relating to the school and the sub-committees run by P&C. We have a very supportive volunteer base in our school.

Usually P&C meetings are held in Week 4 and 8, however this term they will be Weeks 5 and 9, so as not to clash with teacher information evenings and interviews.

The first meeting for the year will be Tuesday 26th February at 7:30pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome. Please bring 50c to the first meeting you attend this year for your Association membership.

If you have anything you would like to discuss at P&C, please email me on bdschuster@optusnet.com.au or phone me on 9688 6664 by the Friday before the meeting. This enables me to construct the agenda and research your request.

Belinda Schuster, President

CANTEEN

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered their time to work in the canteen this year. We are in the process of putting the final touches on the roster and are in URGE NT need of volunteers for Wednesdays. If you would like to join or amend your previous request, please contact either Carly Kirk 0414 427804 or Jenny Bradfield on 0412321447 or email whpscanteen@yahoo.com.au ASAP.

We hope to have everything finalized so that the canteen can open in Week 3, starting 11th Feb and the rosters will be sent home with your children. The first new change of the year is that sushi is now being offered as a lunch option for 1 day a week! Depending on demand this will be increased to 2 days a week. Please see the updated menu on the school website.

Looking forward to a good year!

Your New Canteen Committee -
Jenny W, Janelle, Carly, Michelle & Jenny B

Cool Kids Crunch & Sip®!
Don’t forget the bottle of water and fruit or vegetables for Crunch & Sip® everyday!
SCHOOL BANKING

Welcome back to School Banking for 2013. We will recommence in Term 1 week 4 (Tuesday 19th February) once all classes have been finalised and the last week of banking will be Week 9 (26th March).

School banking in 2012 was a great success—many students banked 10 times and redeemed reward items such as: USB's, book lights and money boxes. The school also earns a 5% commission from all money banked and in 2012 we raised $1,127 for the school, just through students making weekly deposits! By participating, students will also learn saving skills and earn great rewards every time they make 10 deposits via school banking.

We urgently need new volunteers to help with School banking this year for it to be a success, so if you have an hour to spare on a Wednesday morning please come along to the Living Skills meeting room, 9am Wednesday 20th February or email your interest and days you’re available to: schoolbankingWHPS@gmail.com. No experience is necessary.

To participate in school banking your child will need a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver Account which can be opened through any Commonwealth Bank branch.

A few things to remember:
- School banking day is Tuesday
- Dates for Term 1 School Banking will be weeks: 4-9: Tuesday 19th February – Tuesday 26th March.
- Deposit slips and stubs must be filled out with the following:
  - Date
  - Full name
  - Student number (this is allocated to the student the first time they bank with the school)
  - Account number
  - Total amount banked and amount in coins/notes (or cheque if applicable)
- We encourage children to complete their deposit slips and stubs but please double check the above information and deposit money is correct.
- Any amount can be deposited, from as little as 5c, but we don’t recommend sending very large amounts of money to school. Depositing it over a few weeks in smaller amounts is often a safer option.
- Every time a student makes 10 deposits they are eligible for a reward
- There will be one reward redemption day each term, when all children who have made 10 deposits with school banking can return their rewards cards and redeem their reward.
- Only deposits made via school banking are eligible to be counted towards rewards.
- Siblings of WHPS students who don’t attend the school are also welcome to bank with WHPS. Please attach the banking wallets together with an elastic band and send with the student who attends the school.

Please follow the link below for more information on School Banking: http://www.commbank.com.au/personal/youth-students/school-banking.html

Happy Banking,
Micaela Ashton-Standing
WHPS School Banking co-ordinator
schoolbankingWHPS@gmail.com

PARENT TIPS

Eight Ways to Get Your Kids Organised

Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday’s half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.


2013 Homework Planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan. The 2012 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year.


BUILDING HEALTHY HABITS

Children are learning habits that will often last them a lifetime. Consider the following:
- Breakfast is important. Children who eat breakfast have better concentration. Eating breakfast can reduce snacking on high-energy foods in the afternoon in both adults and children.
- Be realistic about the size of the serve you offer children. Forcing children to finish what is on their plate when they are not hungry may lead to overeating and/or strong food dislikes.
- Avoid giving children processed snack foods high in sugar. Encourage brushing teeth in the morning and before bed to develop good dental habits.

Why is breakfast important?
- children who miss breakfast are often reported as having poor behaviour and poor concentration
- children who miss breakfast are often unable to meet their daily nutrient requirements
- children who miss breakfast are more likely to have a greater risk of being overweight or obese
- eating breakfast helps children learn and establish healthy eating habits early in life.